

**TOOL ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR ATTACHING TEETH TO A  
CUTTER WHEEL OF A TREE STUMP REMOVAL MACHINE**

**Abstract**

5           A tool assembly for attachment to a cutter wheel for use in tree stump  
removal is described. The assembly includes a tooth and a pocket. The tooth  
includes a cutting head and a shank depending from the head. The shank includes a  
first flat opposite a second flat. The pocket defines opposing wheel and exterior  
faces. A tooth receiving slot is formed in the wheel face and includes a base. In this  
10 regard, the tooth shank defines one of a projection and a recess and the pocket  
defines the other of the projection and the recess. Upon coupling the tooth shank to  
the tooth receiving slot, substantially an entirety of a peripheral edge of the  
projection contacts a wall of the recess to resist a torque applied to the cutting head.